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## TV6 News Makes Room for Improv-ment

By Casey Snow  
News Co-Editor

Pumas in Professor Fred Berger's TV Lab work hard and look forward to creating and airing their own shows on TV6 News all semester. This semester, TV6 News is introducing two new TV shows. Juniors Logan James and Brittany Adams teamed up to create an improv game show called Puma Showdown, and sophomore John Irak introduced Sunny-Side Joe, an SJC morning show. The students of TV6 provide a newscast to their viewers throughout the fall semester while preparing ideas for their own shows to bring to life the second semester. Students are encouraged to create their own ideas and bring a variety of content to viewers throughout campus.

James and Adams began their work as far back as the summer during their Hollywood Workshop trip to L.A. with Fred Berger. Adams told the Observer, "We actually got the idea in Hollywood and worked from there. Eventually we began creating graphics and putting the show together." As the host, Logan provides three rounds of games to student participants on campus. Each game has been inspired by improv to be battled out between two teams of two players each. The team that reaches the most points by the end of the show wins and gets to star in the next episode against the next team.

The first episode aired Wednesday February 10 at 8PM on channel 6. The first four contestants were teams of junior Marten Moreno and sophomore Josh D. Alengo against senior Patrick McElwain and junior

Jennifer Munson. "I had a lot of fun," Moreno told the Observer, "though in one of the games, 'Quick Thinking,' I did anything but – it took a lot of thinking." While there will be plenty of opportunities the rest of the semester for new teams and contestants, Adams explains "I think our first show went really well, it was fun for the crew and the talent. We have some technical stuff to fix, but that will take some time." In addition to Puma Showdown, sophomore John Irak kicked off his own show that puts a morning show spin on the traditional TV6 News.

Sunny-side Joe allows students to combine the common newscast with a series of specialty shows that the TV6 team is encouraged to put together. In addition to news and weather, Moreno introduces fast facts while freshman Megan Fernandez has her own media minute, keeping

viewers up to date on the latest news with celebrities. Irak told the Observer, "I became interested in a variety show in high school and finally began planning my own show last semester." As the producer of the show, Irak is able to put a spin on a variety show and even brought back the concept of an SJC morning show. "As the producer, I was able to create the show my own way, and by making it a morning show, students are able to watch it in the mornings while getting ready for class" Irak explained. Pumas can tune into TV6 on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays to watch the show at 8a.m. and 9a.m. The first show is scheduled to air on February 17th.

Digital media and journalism students team up with Professor Fred Berger all year to bring TV news to students and faculty across campus. It provides a great opportunity for aspiring

producers, editors, talent, and crew to get experience in the field they are pursuing. Berger explains, "In the fall, students work with a traditional newscast until they learn their craft and act out what they learn." The fall semester allows students to learn the variety of equipment they will be using and become comfortable with the atmosphere. "They get ideas of what they want, what role they take, and in the second semester they run with it" Berger told the Observer.

As students become more comfortable in the studio, they are able to create ideas of their own and bring them to TV6 during the spring semester, and as Berger says, "it is great to watch as students start to blossom in the studio." To see the Pumas in action, tune into TV6 Wednesdays at 8p.m., and Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8a.m.



Juniors Logan James (host) and Brittany Adams (director) discuss the production of their new show, Puma Showdown, in the TV6 Studio. Photo courtesy of Saint Joseph's College.

## Virtual Career Fair Expected To Go Viral at SJC

By Lauren Grasham  
News Writer

While looking for a job or an internship can seem like a daunting and rigorous task for college students in pursuit of their careers, the upcoming virtual career fair offered to Pumas at Saint Joseph's College can make the process easier.

This new opportunity will occur on the 25th of this month, and allows its participants to apply for a variety of positions including full and part time jobs and intern-

ships, both paid and for college credit. Participants include many well-known companies such as Comcast, Geico, and Walgreens, providing a wide variety of positions open to all career paths. According to Director of Career and Leadership Development Jessica Chapman, this is the first time the college has done this type of career fair.

The Career Develop Professionals of Indiana invited many schools to host the fair, including Saint Joseph's College. When asked what to expect from this

event, Chapman responded, "I'm very excited to see how this will go!" It is open to both students and alumni of the college, which allows everyone to be involved. Students must register in advance in order to schedule appointments with companies of interest. Participants will also be added to a drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card upon registration.

"This is a neat opportunity," Chapman adds. "It's free and convenient. You don't have to leave your dorm and brace the cold weather." Those who are

involved are able to pick the time that they want to talk with the company of their choice, and since it is an all-day event, it works well for those with a busy schedule. "I'm really looking forward to this," Chapman told the Observer. "If we get enough volunteers, we will definitely bring this back for future years to come." For additional information or to register, contact Jessica Chapman at jbarton@saintjoe.edu or visit her office in the Career Services Department



# Pumas to Embark on Trip to Serve Others Over Spring Break

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Over spring break, a group of Saint Joseph's College students will be traveling out to Valdosta, Georgia with Habitat for Humanity where they will be building a house. On March 4th, 20 students and two drivers will make the drive straight through. They will be working on a house that will one day house an entire family in need.

Habitat for Humanity is an organization that has its roots in the 1940s and began catching steam in the 1970s. According to habitat.org, the concept that grew into Habitat for Humanity International was born at Koinonia Farm, a small, interracial, Christian community outside of Americus, Georgia. Koinonia Farm was founded in 1942 by farmer and biblical scholar Clarence Jordan. Habitat founder, Millard Fuller first visited Koinonia in 1965. They had recently left a successful business and an affluent lifestyle in Montgomery, Alabama to begin a new life of Christian service.



Above: SJC students traveled with Professor of Digital Media and Journalism Fred Berger and Professor of Sociology Dr. Jody Taylor Watkins to Romania in the summer of 2015 to build houses with Habitat for Humanity. Photo courtesy of Saint Joseph's College

Beginning in 2004, the campus chapter has begun going on international building trips every two years. So far, the Pumas have traveled to Tanzania, Africa (2004), Chile (2006), Guatemala (2008), Macedonia (2011), Nicaragua (2013), and Romania (2015).

This trip really exemplifies Saint Joseph's College's values and beliefs of becoming hardworking and kind people. Everyone who is going on this trip is going to be representing

up their Spring Break in order to travel hundreds of miles to build a home for people they've never met. Their generous act of giving up a Spring Break of relaxing for one of hard work is commendable."

Senior Creative Writing major, Katie Davisson attended the 2015 Spring break trip where the Pumas traveled to Morristown, Tennessee. She said of her experience: "Habitat is one of the most satisfying trips you'll ever take. Not only do you make amazing bonds, but you get to help others with abilities that God blessed you with. To take advantage of that is one of the best things you can do in life."

Sophomore Biology major Samantha Hoyt, who attended the 2015 Thanksgiving trip, says that "Habitat for Humanity was an amazing experience. It was great to be able to make a difference in people's lives and also to form new relationships with the other people on the trip."

Habitat for Humanity's goals as a whole never change from trip to trip. It is always to live in the service of others, to uphold the beliefs and values of Saint Joseph's College, to engender a sense of community among the SJC students, and to make the world a better place by placing the needs of others above our own wants and desires.

To participate in Habitat for Humanity, no construction experience is needed.

Below: Students Stephen Nickle '17, Richard Arrendondo '15, and Aaron Ellis '18 build a wall during the 2015 Spring Break Trip. to Morristown, TN. Photo courtesy of Caitlin Enright '16.



Above: The house close to completion that Pumas built in Morristown, TN on the Spring Break trip in 2015. Photo courtesy of Caitlin Enright '16.

At Koinonia, Jordan and Fuller developed the concept of "partnership housing." The concept centered on those in need of adequate shelter working side by side with volunteers to build simple, decent houses. The houses would be built at no profit and interest would not be charged on the loans. Building costs would be financed by a revolving fund called "The Fund for Humanity." The fund's money would come from the new homeowners' house payments, no-interest loans provided by supporters and money earned by fund-raising activities. The monies in the Fund for Humanity would be used to build more houses.

Saint Joseph's College's Habitat for Humanity chapter, which works closely with Jasper County Habitat for Humanity affiliate, goes on a Thanksgiving and Spring Break trips in the United States to locations such as Mississippi, Louisiana, North Carolina, Georgia, and Texas.

## 2016 Election Update: Recent Death Sparks Debate



By Jose Arteaga  
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United States Supreme Court Justice, Antonin Scalia, the leading conservative voice on the high court, has died at the age of 79. His death set off an immediate debate about whether President Barack Obama should fill the seat in an election year.

Obama said Saturday night that he plans to nominate a replacement, but Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said the nomination should wait until the next president comes into office. Nevada Senator Harry Reid called for the seat to be filled "right away."

Scalia's death during an election year sets up a huge political game for both sides of the aisle. It also played a role during the 9th GOP debate where the candidates sparred over what President Obama should do.

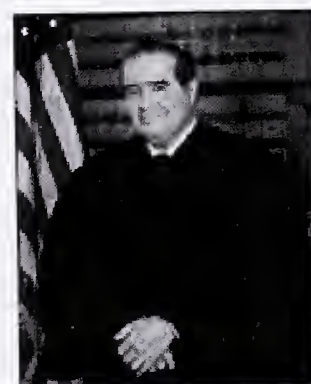
After observing a moment of silence to honor Scalia, the GOP candidates, who clashed in South Carolina, seized on his death to draw battle lines in the debate over his successor. "I do not believe the President should appoint someone," commented Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, warning that Obama would "ram down our throat a liberal justice."

On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton lined up with the Democratic leaders in Congress to seize on an issue that will now be at the center of her campaign. "Barack Obama is President of

the United States until January 20, 2017. That is a fact, my friends, whether the Republicans like it or not. Elections have consequences. The President has a responsibility to nominate a new justice and the Senate has a responsibility to vote," Clinton said during a visit in Denver.

Scalia, who was found dead Saturday February 13, 2016, was one of the most influential conservative justices in history and forged a decades-long legacy that prolonged Ronald Reagan's conservative revolution, long after the President who nominated him left office. Scalia was also seen as a hugely powerful foe by liberal groups owing to his positions on issues like abortion and the Second Amendment. These groups will pile enormous pressure on Obama to send a liberal justice to the court before he leaves office.

No matter what is decided, this recent event will spark more debate among the presidential candidates as they continue to fight for the party nominations.

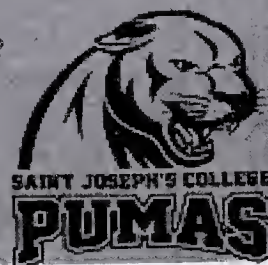


Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia died February 13, 2016. His death has sparked a debate among candidates. Photo courtesy of Google Images

## Upcoming Puma Events!

February 19 - Soup and Stations  
February 27 - Sorrowful Mother Food Pantry  
February 23 - STEM Networking Night  
February 29 - March 4 - Midterm Week  
March 4- 12 - Spring Break

Want to get the word out about your event?  
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# Sodexo? More like “Sad”exo

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So you’re starving, you haven’t eaten since last night and all you have in your system is some coffee you picked up from Jazzman’s before your 8 am. You are finally free at 12 and decide to get lunch in the cafe. You step in, looking for something that will not only fill you up but leave you feeling good. You skim what’s cooking at the red hot chef station, the hometown station, and the grill. Nothing stands out to you, nothing looks appetizing, and you probably end up choosing a go-to, a burger or slice of pizza.

I’m sure most of you have heard the usual rant about Sodexo, or have even been in this situation before, where our expectations are just not met at the cafe. Even in my senior year, I keep hoping that something new, healthy, and exciting is waiting for me there, but when it’s not, I have to supplement with making my own salad and choosing between canned fruits or an apple, banana, or an orange. I keep looking for food that is going to make me feel good rather than food that’s going to make me feel ridiculously bloated.

I mean don’t get me wrong, I love the chicken nuggets, the mac and cheese, and the perogies just as much as the next person. But, as I get older I realize that for the past 4 years, college has been the place where I have been able to shape my own life. I have made decisions on what degree I want to graduate with, I have chosen where and with whom I’ve wanted to live with, I have chosen to attend parties on Saturday nights and to not. So, how come over the past 4 years, have I not had the opportunity to choose my own diet? So here is my problem with Sodexo and the caf, it’s not that the food looks old, or disgusting, because if it did, most of us would be starving right now. It is not inedible. My problem is that there simply are not enough choices and most importantly, healthy choices.

So you may say, if you are sick of the cafe, why don’t you just go to the hub? Well let’s look at the choices there. I can choose a grilled chicken or breaded chicken, or go the high sodium lunch meat route. As a freshmen, these were some great choices. However, as I have gone through my college years they have become tired and old. Great food should be about energizing our bodies, and that can be accomplished in many ways. I am sorry but shredded lettuce just does not have the nutrients I need!

My proposal is that Sodexo goes under a makeover at Saint Joseph’s College, maybe offering a simple station at the cafe or a menu at the hub that offers completely fresh, low carb, low cal, nutrient rich items. These would be things that are not the usual salad but instead items that offer fresh veggies that are not overcooked and soggy but crunchy and delicious! I think Sodexo would be surprised at how many students would love fresh, specifically healthy options.

## Books in Happy Meals?

By: Kertney Bronzyna  
*Opinions Writer*

I was reading some of the “Trending Now” categories on Facebook this week when I noticed something about McDonald’s. You know the little toys you got from Happy Meals when you were a kid? Usually it’s a little figure from a recent children’s movie that just came out. But this was interesting. The article was actually talking about how McDonald’s was giving out children’s books with Happy Meals until February 15! Kind of a terrible Valentine’s Day present if you ask me. I’d rather get books instead of toys anytime I ordered a Happy Meal. Then again, I’m not 12 anymore.

The movement actually started in 2013, which I was surprised about. I actually had never known that you could ask for a book instead of a toy. Apparently by the end of 2016, McDonald’s will have given away 50,000 books since 2013. It’s not all the time you can replace the happy meal toy with a book, though. You can just do it certain times throughout the year. For example, these past few weeks was that time. McDonald’s isn’t only giving out little books that really no one knows about either.

McDonald’s is giving out books such as Paddington by Michael Bond. Everyone knows of the talking bear. There was even a movie about Paddington that recently came out. McDonald’s is doing this movement to decrease the amount of illiterate children in the United States. In fact, Carol H. Rasco, president and CEO of Reading is Fundamental said in a statement, “Ensuring children have access to books has proven instrumental in combating illiteracy in children in the United States.”

I think this is a fantastic idea. Many children are being fed McDonald’s Happy Meals for their dinners at night. Instead of giving the children a toy that they will most likely break within a few minutes, why not give them a book? This is also showing children that it is okay to read. Reading can be fun! I am a strong believer in reading your children books at night. So even if your kid is not old enough to read the book being handed to them, you can do it. Read the story to them before they go to bed. This will help develop their imagination and have funny, bear-filled dreams.

## A Bought and Paid for Politician

By: Steven Sewell  
*Opinions Writer*

Thursday, February 11th’s Democratic debate at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee was a pretty typical debate. Hillary Clinton attacked current Governor of Wisconsin Scott Walker, and she and Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders debated about how best to make the cost of college low. The most interesting part of the debate was actually Hillary Clinton’s outfit. As pointed out by The Hill, and followed up by The Huffington Post, Hillary Clinton wore the same yellow jacket that she wore when meeting with Goldman Sachs CEO Lloyd Blankfein in 2014. I mean, really? This is probably what irritates me the most about Hillary Clinton, and what makes me fearful of her becoming President: her Wall Street ties are egregious. The Center for Responsive Politics’ website, [www.opensecrets.org](http://www.opensecrets.org), lists Hillary Clinton’s top five contributors as Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, DLA Piper, JPMorgan Chase, and Morgan Stanley. She’s not the worst offender as far as receiving contributions from companies that will impact policies in ways contrary to what’s promised. She’s also not the only candidate to receive large amounts of money from “speaking fees” and other garbage along those lines. But she’s the Democratic frontrunner, the person essentially groomed to continue President Barack Obama’s policies, and she appears to be a bought and paid for politician.

On top of that, Hillary Clinton’s jacket was ugly as sin; she looked like the Man with the Yellow Hat from Curious George.

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# Django Unchained

By Justice McGee  
Features Writer

Have you ever had one of those nights you load up Netflix and start browsing through movies but can't find anything that interests you? Well, it may not seem like it, but there are some really great movies you may not have even heard of! One of these great movies would definitely be *Django Unchained*, a film made in 2012 that's based on a time over a hundred years ago before slavery was abolished. This movie is about a man named Django who had been a slave and eventually freed by a German bounty hunter. The bounty hunter had been searching for a certain group of men and Django had formerly lived on the plantation the men had worked on. So the bounty hunter needed Django's help to track these men down. The bounty hunter freed Django, gave him a horse, decent clothing, and together they traveled in search of their bounty.

This movie was a really great film because it was a mix of action, comedy and it had real sentimental value. I say this because it was based during a time when human nature was at

it's worst. Though our generation hasn't seen it, we've learned about it and this film almost brings you into that time. I believe they portrayed what happened in those times so that we can understand. And therefore, seeing how awful it was, it was really heartwarming to see Django treated with kindness, respect and equality. The German bounty hunter spent a lot of his time teaching Django how to read and use proper words. He made Django into a deputy at his side.

Django and the bounty hunter continued their search, as well as a search for Django's wife, whom he had been separated from prior to his freedom. Eventually the movie ends in an action filled happy ending. I won't spoil it, but it's definitely satisfying. This movie was great for many reasons; the plot was excellent, the actors were brilliant. This really gave you an insight on how the world was during the years slavery existed, it can really draw you in. It was a great movie, and I've rated it five stars. It's definitely a movie I could watch again. It makes you feel many different emotions. If this article doesn't make you want to watch it, I highly suggest you watch a trailer and I bet you'll want to!

If you are a sucker for movies



Above: A poster for Django Unchained. Photo courtesy of Google Images.

# That 70's Show

By Vivian Myers  
Features Writer

Just because none of us students were born in the 70's doesn't mean we still can't enjoy the 70's, right? If bell-bottom jeans, flower power, and peace is your style then this swanky TV show is just for you.

*That 70's Show* is an eight season show that follows the lives of six teens living in the 70's. The online site, tvtropes.org, describes *That 70's Show* in a single sentence as "This show is about teenager Eric Forman and his friends and family living their lives in Point Place, Wisconsin through the years 1976 to 1979".

Eric Forman, played by Topher Grace, is the main character of the show. The majority of the show happens in Eric Forman's basement. Eric is the typical gangly, goofy kid with an overbearing father. He lives next to his life-long crush Donna Pinciotti.

Donna Pinciotti, played by Laura Prepon, is the main female lead. Donna is the tall, aggressive, redhead with an attitude. She acts like one of the guys and doesn't see a problem with it.

Actor Danny Masterson plays the loveable yet hardhead Steven Hyde. Hyde thought out government conspiracy theories, and he coaxes some of his not-as-smart friends to steal beer from Eric's father.

The ever so famous Ashton Kutcher plays Michael Kelso. Michael is an extremely

tall bumbling fool. He's not particularly smart and definitely the dumb one of the group. To add to his character, he's the sex icon in the story. Michael is the 'attractive' male in the group and has the problems with girls. Come to find out though, Michael ends up falling for a younger female named Jackie Burkhart.

Jackie Burkhart was a few years younger than the rest of the team. She came from an extremely wealthy family while the others came from middle class families or less. Mila Kunis did an extraordinary job of playing the young, annoying, rich girl. She never watched what she said and always wanted more attention from Michael and shopping trips from Donna. Needless to say, Jackie was a bit of a brat.

The last member of the group was Fez, played by Wilmer Valderrama. He is a foreign exchange student. His host parents are very strict on most everything so Eric's basement and school are his only escapes. Fez was the embodiment of the type of kid that was shy and quiet and once you get to know him but you are blown away with the things he says.

While all six teenagers are different in their own ways their personalities fit rather well. This isn't to say that they don't fight or end up hating each other for a while but they always find a way to come back together.

# The Café vs. The Hub

By Connor Ring  
Features Writer

At this college, the easiest access to food all around is through the Halleck center, offering buffet-style meals at the Café and the fresh meals from the Hub. However, in a lot of my time spent at this school, it never occurred to me that a secret rivalry had developed between the two dining centers. I have dined in both frequently and even have some favorite foods of my own that come from each, but I think it's time we put the rivalry to bed. Which of these two is better: the Café or the Hub?

I think it is only appropriate that we start off with the Café since it is the primary food source for most of Saint Joseph's students. The Café offers a wide variety of food choices, ranging from the greasy burgers and fries combo to the fresh salad bar. There's also a pizza area and homestyle section that offers different selections every day, giving you a little variety with what you eat. In my time here, I have most definitely been to the Café more often, most likely because of the ease of access and the time of day. The Café

also picks a few days of the year where it offers some high quality dinners, usually set for holidays to celebrate. The food is very diverse, and while I can't say I like all the choices offered, I'm at least happy that there are various choices like this. However, part of the problem with the Café is the limited time that it is open. I find myself wishing for an extra 30 minutes of time to accompany my classes. It isn't a major issue, but I do want to note it because I know a few people who have been wishing for the Café to be open later, especially during lunch due to the scheduling of classes. I also would like to point out the lines that seem to plague the Café, but this is usually limited to a very specific food day like Puma Wraps.

Now in comparison we have the Hub, an alternative to the Café that allows students to get lunch and dinner at their leisure. The first downside is quite obvious. The lines of people waiting for the food is quite long, considering how long it takes to get through the line itself. The Hub suffers from this almost every visit I have been there. However, the food itself definitely tastes fresher

when I do go. The chicken in particular is what I prefer to get, but what has bugged me a little bit is the queue for the subs and the queue for the grill. Separating the two has no real purpose since we know that the line will remain just as long, and since there aren't two registers it doesn't seem to help the lines. Even so, I find myself liking the food there all the same, and it really helps you get through the day.

So when it comes down to which I like better, I have to say that the Hub is much more enjoyable, but the Café is more convenient. I prefer the food at the Hub and can tolerate the lines, even if they are quite cumbersome. However, the Café has the perfect times for meals and it lets you take as much as you like while you are there, so while I like the food at the Hub better, I think the Café has a bit of an edge in that regard. Still, both offer some good food all around. So grab a bite to eat and enjoy your side of the food fight.



# Little Inferno

By Ashley Brinkman  
Features Writer

A PC game designed without a real purpose, *Little Inferno* is a game for any pyromaniac who has a taste for a dystopian society. The city the character lives in has been the victim of what seems to be an eternal snowstorm. The Tomorrow Corporation has created a fun game that helps keep you warm and occupied during these dreary times. In the start of *Little Inferno*, you are given a catalog that as you purchase items and set them on fire you are given coins and stamps that you can then use to buy more items from the catalog. As you unlock more items, you must start setting a combination of items on fire to further unlock aspects of the game.

Throughout the game you get letters from three different sources; The Weatherman who is floating above the city; Miss Nancy, the head of Tomorrow Corporation; and your neighbor, Sugar Plum. As you read the letters coming in from different sources you will get a sense that people are very unaware of what is happening around them; they are consumed by their little fireplaces. The Weatherman has one job, which is to report the unchanging weather from his weather balloon, above the

smoke stacks, above the city. Miss Nancy sends letters encouraging you to finish each catalog and congratulating you. She gives out small tokens such as a commercial for *Little Inferno* and a ticket for a free hug. Sugar Plum however, through the course of the game becomes self actualized and escapes by burning her whole house down. Throughout the game you and your neighbor exchange gifts, but it is not until the end of the game you realize their true purpose.

The end of *Little Inferno* is quite odd, as it is not a victorious ending per say. You do not crush the dystopian regime of the Tomorrow Corporation, but then again you do not die either. It is an open ending finish of a game. I was not a fan of this type of ending, but it certainly was not the worst ending to a game I have seen.

One aspect of the game that may turn players off is its esoteric, puzzle-like, combinations that are required to advance through the catalogs. After I wasted quite a bit a money trying to get the combos on my own, I eventually succumbed to the internet and googled the combinations. Most of them I would never have gotten on my own.

*Little Inferno* is a simply designed click game that can be completed in one sitting, but will leave players questioning themselves and their own actions in response to the ending.



Above: Cover art of puzzle video game *Little Inferno*. Photo courtesy of Google Images.

# Swaay

By Jennie Weer  
Features Writer

If someone offered you some “Cake by the Ocean”, what would you say?

DNCE formed earlier last year as Jonas Brothers member, Joe Jonas, and their drummer, Jack Lawless created a pop rock band. Joining the two previous Jobro gang, are Cole Whittle, former bassist for Semi Precious Weapons, and JinJoo Lee.

The most popular song from the group is “Cake by the Ocean,” a well known, but guilty pleasure of mine to dance to, sing along with, and randomly blurt lyrics in the cafeteria. It debuted in September and has reached 26 on the Bill board Hot 100.

What kind of a name is DNCE, anyway? Jonas told Ryan Seacrest on a KISSFM interview that the band was in a group chat, drunked texting ideas to each other and misspelled “Dance”. So amused, they decided it was a keeper and proceeded to release their debut EP *Swaay* in October, 2015.

Jonas co-wrote three of the four tracks and co-produced the album. The songs range from adorable to dance-around-your-room-and-scream-a-little-bit.

“Toothbrush”, is that adorable song I alluded to, with

lyrics: “Baby you don’t have to rush, You can leave a toothbrush at my place.” Literally letting his girl know she can stay whenever she wants and hey - since you’re around enough to freshen your breath, just leave your toothbrush. Romanticizing the idea of brushing your teeth together is something I totally approve of.

“Pay My Rent”, is different from the rest as it challenges the commitment of a relationship. While the lyrics are pretty straightforward and serious, the tune livens it up to fit the pop genre.

Finally “Jinx”, is the most relatable as it speaks of not wanting to tell anyone about your partner, because hey - you might mess this up.

Whichever you may find appealing, give it a try. It’s only four songs, 14 minutes, and you’ve probably wasted your time on other things that long (Not pointing fingers, I’m totally to blame for staring at the ceiling, too).

Now, how ‘bout some cake?

# The Door Within

By Cameron Adams  
Features Writer

Here we have another of the great series that you may not even know about. This book is just the first in a great trilogy that brings the reader to a realm of fantasy, spirituality, and the mysterious yet wondrous Glimpses. This book is called the *The Door Within*; it is the first book in *The Door Within* trilogy by Wayne Thomas Batson.

The main character, Aidan Thomas, is an unhappy boy whose whole life changes in a manner of weeks. He moves with his mother and father to take care of his grandfather. It is there while trying to adjust, that the nightmares begin. Aidan goes to seek refuge in his grandfather’s basement. It is there that he finds them. The scrolls take him through a series of events and eventually take him to a whole other world. In this world, Aidan must embark on an adventure that puts him right in the middle of a war between both good and evil that raged for many years. He must learn to place his trust in the noble knights that surround him and the unseen and powerful one true King of the land.

One of the best things about this book is the thorough descriptions of the characters, the realm, and the ideas and themes

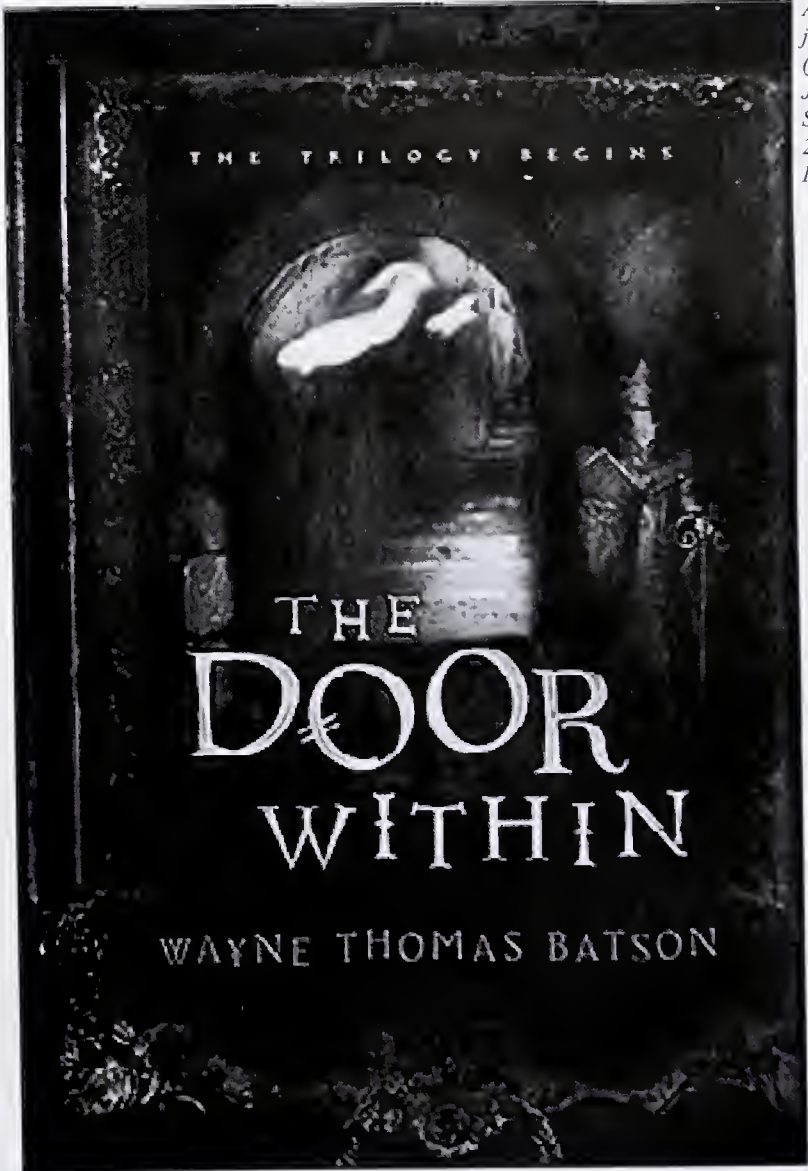
in the story. Batson’s description of the history, culture and surroundings is perhaps the most enticing aspect of the story. Batson manages to transport the reader to the realm beyond *The Door Within* and completely immerse the reader in it. He makes it so that the reader is completely enticed with the world and doesn’t want to leave. The stories of the rise of Paragor and everything that happens during it is probably the most impactful stories in the story. Over the course of the story, Aidan’s transformation is one that is very profound and inspiring. He manages to go from a lonely boy, who really doesn’t have any faith in those around him, to a “man” who is able to stand for his beliefs and have faith in King of the realm and the knights in his service.

Another aspect of the story that is rather nice is the allegorical parallels with the stories of the *Bible*. These parallels are clear if you are familiar with them in the *Bible* yet at the same time if you are familiar with them you won’t really be missing out. The parallels add a nice twist to the story that is actually kind of refreshing.

All in all. This is a wonderful story that is a wonderful read for anyone who is interested.



Above: Pop band DNCE, which just formed in 2015, consist of (from left) Jack Lawless, Joe Jonas, JinJoo Lee, Cole Whittle. *Swaay* released October 23, 2015. Photo courtesy of Google Images.



Left: Cover art for *The Door Within* by Wayne Thomas Batson. This is the first book of the *The Door Within* series. Photo courtesy of Google Images.



# Pumas Track and Field Preparing for GLVC

By Brian Eurton  
Sports Writer

ALLEDALE, Mich. – The men and women's track and field teams competed at The Big Meet hosted by Grand Valley State University. This was the last chance to improve their marks before the biggest meet of the year, the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship.

The meet started on Friday and got off to a great start with Phillip Thompson placing 2nd in the triple jump. His leap of 48'9.25" was the farthest jump of the day by a collegiate athlete. Fellow puma CJ Eikum had a season best with a leap of 45'2.5" which was good enough to get him 5th on the day.

The excitement of the Friday meet continued with the sprinting events. Sanjay Daley sprinted to a time of 7.02 in the 60-meter dash. This was good enough to get him 16th in a very competitive field. Demar Malcolm ran the 200-meter dash in a time of 22.32 which placed in 3rd in his heat. Malcolm also competed in the 400-meter dash and ran a time of 49.82.

The distance events were full of thrilling performances for both the men and women's team. The women's distance running got started off in the 5000-meter run with Hannah Wallace who placed 10th out of 23 in her heat. Wallace's time of 19:29.71, which was a 14 second personal best for her. Teammate Brooke Werstler also did very well also as she ran 18:47.72, which placed her



Picture 1: Phillip Thompson  
Photo Courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland

12th in her heat of 24. This was a seven second indoor personal best for Werstler. On the men's side Junior Justin Hays covered the 5000-meter race in 15:10.17.

On Saturday the success of the Pumas continued. Phillip Thompson competed again in the triple and long jump events. He improved his school record and set a personal best in the triple with a leap of 49'2.25". This currently places him 8th in the nation for Division II. The jump events success was carried on by CJ Eikum who tied for 3rd place with a jump of 6'4.75". On the girls side Lydia Raderstorf cleared season best in the pole vault with a jump of 10'2.75".

The throwing events showcased many personal bests. In the weight throw Senior Vincent Fischer launched the weight 52'1.75", which was a

personal best by over a foot. Yohanas Lee throw the weight a distance of 49'10", which was again another personal best. Freshman Dalton Good had a great day improving his marks in both events by over a foot in each. For the women's team Heather Monk placed 13th out of 60 competitors in the shot put.

Brian Eurton broke 3000-meter run school record in a time of 8:32.39 and placed 3rd. This record was previous held by teammate Justin Hays who broke it just two weeks prior to this performance. Mike Conrad and Lane Barrett both had personal best performances in the event with times of 9:06.01 and 9:10.49 Nikki Thiede had a fantastic race in the 3000-meter run as well. Thiede's time of 10:15.40



Picture 2: Brian Eurton  
Photo Courtesy of Susie Hays

placed her 6th.

The men and women's team will be back in action in two weeks in Kenosha, Wisconsin at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. This is the conference meet and will be the last regular season meet for the pumas.

## Tennis Begins Spring Season

By Megan Fernandez  
Sports Writer

This past Saturday, the Saint Joseph's College men's tennis team kicked off the spring portion of the season against Calumet College of Saint Joseph's. The team traveled to Hammond, Indiana and came back with a 9-0 Victory for the Pumas.

This was a strong team victory with each player contributing to the win with at least one point. The Pumas had a dominating performance as Reid Imal and Andrew Klump. Each won their respective singles matches along with taking a point together at number one doubles 8-3. Imel won at number one singles 6-1, 6-1 while Klump won at the number two position 7-6, 6-1. Lucas Jessen and Joe Comerford picked-up an 8-0 decision at number two doubles.

Samir Shammass, Moritz Gitsy, and Valentin Meier all won in straight sets in singles play. Due to Calumet's roster the team had to default number three doubles and number six singles.

The meet induced two new freshman into the Puma family

and gave them both a taste of Puma victory. "This win felt really great! It was a good win for each member of the team. It's always great to start off the season so successfully," says Meier.

Freshman Moritz, had positive things to say about his new team, "The spirit on the team is excellent and we have been working very hard to start off our season." The team next faces off against Ferris State, "We will try to work hard this week to be well prepared for this match! We are really exciting to face this good team and we will do our best to get the most out of the meet," says Gitsy.

The girls team has not yet started their season but has been hard at work preparing for their upcoming season that begins February 27th against Purdue Calumet. "Our goal is to improve our overall game. In the past we've struggled with our consistency but we have all been working really hard and putting in extra hours and it's definitely paying off We're really looking forward to playing some good

competition during our spring break to Hilton Head, South Carolina. It's going to prepare us for what's ahead during conference," says Tate Hickey.

Saint Joseph competed against Purdue during preseason just four months ago and came up with a 7-2 victory. The girls team look to improve their 1-10 record from last season. They have a lot of

returning talented upperclassmen.

The Men's tennis season will travel to Big Rapids, Michigan on Saturday to play Ferris State University. The girls tennis team will begin their season next weekend, February 27 at home against Purdue Calumet.



Picture 3: Men's Tennis Team  
Photo Courtesy of Samir Shammass

### Upcoming Events

#### February 18th

Women's Basketball at Wisconsin-Parkside University  
5:30 pm

Men's Basketball at Wisconsin-Parkside University  
7:30 pm

#### February 20th

Men's Tennis at Ferris State University  
TBA

Women's Basketball at Lewis University  
1:00 pm

Men's Basketball at Lewis University  
3:00pm

Softball vs. Indiana Wesleyan University at Grand Park, Westfield, IN  
12:00 pm & 2:00 pm

Baseball vs. Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, TN  
3:30 pm

#### February 21st

Baseball vs. Maryville University in Nashville, TN  
12:00 pm & 3:00 pm

#### February 24th

Women's Basketball at University of Indianapolis  
5:30 pm

Men's Basketball at University of Indianapolis  
7:30 pm

#### February 26th

Softball vs. Lander University in Duncan, SC  
4:00 pm

Softball vs. Augusta University in Duncan, SC  
10:00 am

#### February 27th

Men and Women's Track & Field at Wisconsin-Parkside University for Great Lakes Valley Conference

Baseball vs. Truman State University in Evansville, IN  
10:00am

Softball vs. University of North Georgia in Duncan, SC  
10:00

Men and Women's Tennis vs. Purdue University Calumet  
TBA

#### February 28th

Men and Women's Track & Field at Wisconsin-Parkside University for Great Lakes Valley Conference

Baseball vs. Ashland University in Evansville, IN  
10:00 am

Baseball vs University of Missouri - St. Louis in Evansville, IN  
1:00 pm

Softball vs. Catawba College in Duncan, SC  
10:00am

Softball vs Wingate University in Duncan, SC  
12:00 pm

Men and Women's Tennis vs. Alma College  
TBA



# A "See You Later To Our Seniors

By: Madyson Anthony  
Sports Writer

College takes up a good four years of our lives so no one really expects it to fly by. However, it's almost like you blink and it's suddenly your senior year and last time playing in your home gym. February 7th was the men and women's basketball senior night where the seniors had their final hurrah at home against Quincy University. Senior Lauren Davis, who transferred to Saint Joe's two years ago, leads the team in steals and is second in scoring on her team and averages 16.3 points per game. Now that she's almost done playing college basketball, she often catches herself looking back on her career thus far.

**MA: Do you remember your first ever college basketball game?**

LD: Yes, I do. My team was very good so I didn't really expect to play but we were winning by a lot so my coach put me in. I came in and played well, hit a couple shots and when I came out, my coach said she knows I'm going

to do great things in the future.

**MA: Going into your senior season, did you act or approach things with a differently?**

LD: I just worked hard on the parts of my game that needed improvement and told myself I was going to play with no regrets.

**MA: What was going through your head as you were about to start your last home game?**

LD: The only thing I could think of was that we weren't going to lose that game no matter what. Coach told us that out of his last 22 senior nights, he's won 21 of them and we weren't going to be the ones to mess that up.

**MA: What was one main goal you tried to achieve this season?**

LD: Well, the season isn't over yet but our biggest goal is to make it to the conference tournament in Missouri and we're right on pace.

**MA: What is your advice to other college athletes?**

LD: My advice would be to just stay the course and trust in

your coaching staff. At the end of the day, they only want what's best for you. If you have a good relationship with them, they'll help you get to where you want to be, not only in your sport but in life as well.

**MA: If you could start all over and be a freshman again, would you do it?**

LD: If I could start all over as a freshman and just play basketball then yes! If I had to start over and be student again, I'm going to have to pass on that.

Our Lady Pumas are currently 17-8, 10-5 GLVC and very much so on their way to dominating the entire conference and making it to the coveted conference tournament in March. They will continue on the road to Kenosha, Wisconsin on February 18th to play University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Tip-off is scheduled for 5:30 PM CST and the men will follow at 7:30 PM CST.



Pictured: Lauren Davis

Photo Courtesy: Father Tim McFarland

## Freshman Morgan Poeppel



Pictured: Morgan Poeppel  
Photo Courtesy: SJC Athletics

**Why did you start softball?**

M: My mom got me involved with the sport and ever since then I have been playing softball since I was 10 years old.

**Who is your role model?**

M: To be honest I haven't really looked up at a specific player. I work hard on my own and I have worked to where I am on my own.

**Why did you choose St. Joe?**

M: I choose 'St. Joe' because of the small size of the school. I also chose it because of the criminal justice program that they offer and because of softball.

**What are your goals for this season?**

M: My goals for this season as a team is to come together to work hard. I also want to win and play every game like it is the last one. Over the winter we have really tried to enforce the motto "We before me"

**What are your other hobbies?**

Outside of softball my hobbies are running, working out, taking long walks to my refrigerator, and hanging out with my friends.

**What is your favorite song?**

M: My favorite song would have to be Anything Goes by

Florida Georgia Line

**What is your favorite memory?**

M: I can't think of a specific one memory. I think all the memories so far have been my favorite because I can't just single one out.

## Baseball Athlete Spotlight: Bobby Kametas

By: Christine Manika  
Sports Writer

This week for Athlete Spotlight, I decided to put Bobby Kametas in the hot seat. Bobby Kametas is a junior at Saint Joseph's College from Oak Lawn, IL. He is double majoring in Business Administration concentrating in Management and Economics. Kametas is a pitcher for Puma Baseball.

**When did you start playing baseball and why?**

B: I started playing baseball as long as I could remember. My father played growing it up and it was his favorite sport, so he started me young. I first started playing competitively in T-Ball.

**Who was your role modeling growing up? Why?**

B: My role model growing up and still to this day is my brother. My brother Jim is six years older than me, so I always wanted to do what he was doing and be around him. I would do everything he did from playing sports, hobbies, music, and being a great person.

**Was baseball always your passion?**

B: Actually growing up my first passion was basketball. Like I said

my brother was my role model and his favorite sport was basketball.

So, I would watch all his games and practice with him every day. I love everything about basketball; the high intensity competitiveness, having your teammates back on defense, executing out of bounce plays, running motion and making that extra pass to get the open shot. My brother was a lights out shooter, so in return I loved to shoot three-pointers especially in a close game.

Growing up I was an average baseball player; I would cut from the local travel teams so I just played in house leagues. At that time I didn't understand the true game of baseball yet and I'm still learning today. But, once I starting grasping how much thought, time and quality work you need to put the game, I found a real love for baseball. I made baseball a priority in my life and improved every year to be the best player and teammate I could be.

In high school, I still participated with basketball to keep me in shape. But my hard work and dedication was focused on baseball. With improving over time, I was able to help my teams win whether

it was my Oak Lawn Community High School team or summer travel baseball teams. Baseball is still my passion till this day and I will continue to work hard to be better player and teammate.

**How is your recovery going since having surgery?**

B: My recovery has had its ups and downs. The hardest part is not being to participate this year on the field with my teammates. But, this was written in God's plans for me. I'm appreciating the game more and learning from a different point of view. I have the chance to be better than ever after my rehab. With the support of my family, teammates, athletic training staff, and friends my recovery is going great and I'm looking forward to an amazing year and upcoming seasons to come.

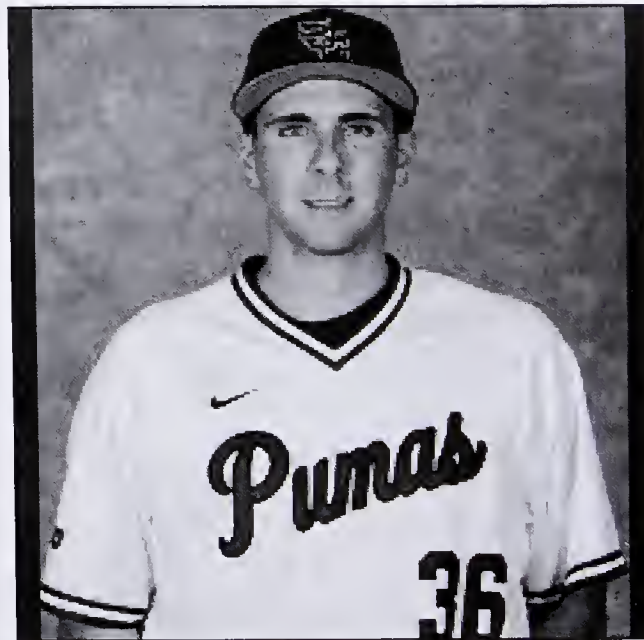
**What is your favorite memory of Puma Baseball?**

B: My favorite memory of Puma Baseball has to be H - E - Double Hockey Sticks (HELL) Week Friday after enduring a week of physically and mentally challenging obstacles, starting off the week as an individual and finishing as a teammate, because you cannot get through it without

the help of your teammates next to you pushing you through it and at the end of the week everyone is successful as a whole. My favorite memory of Puma Baseball will be winning a National Championship together.

**What are your hobbies?**

B: I love to hang out with friends and meet new people, watch and play sports, go to concerts, swimming, fishing and, playing video games.



Pictured: Bobby Kametas

Photo Courtesy: SJC Athletics



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## Creative Corner



Ceramics by Anthony Majewski

### A Pair of Sweatpants

By Ashley R. Brinkman

My love is like a pair of sweatpants  
that you've owned since university.  
The pair you slide on after a wild Friday night.  
They are old, worn, and a little tattered,  
but they are soft and hug your body.  
The kind of sweatpants that don't  
leave your house; they aren't appropriate  
for the grocery store or Sunday brunch with your parents.  
They are sweatpants you can't throw away.  
You can always rely on them to bring you comfort.  
My love is like a pair of sweatpants.



Ceramics by Chuck Morrison

### Things I've learned about Love

By Emily Turza

Dear Granddaughter,

6 pink candles burning bright  
Love is chasing  
Cute boys on the playground,  
Sharing his candy  
and a secret kiss under the slide

13 purple candles burning bright  
Love is a hottie who makes you feel like a princess,  
But most of all,  
love doesn't cheat on me with  
a cheerleader under the bleachers...

17 neon green candles burning bright  
Love is an escape from my parents  
We found our song  
Cruising down the backroads at 3 in the morning,  
When he asked me to the junior prom

25 Slices of pizza for a birthday cake  
Love knows everything about me  
And it's okay,  
Movie night, xbox, next thing I know  
there's a ring on my left hand

85 candles I can't see on a cake I can't eat  
Love stays  
Even when they have to leave us  
They are there in our hearts  
Always and Forever

This is everything I've ever learned about love.  
If you ever figure it out,  
let me know.  
I'm still lost.

Love,  
Grandma

Welcome back, Pumas!

Would you like to have your poems, short stories, or works of art published on the Creative Corner? All you have to do is send your submissions to [glv9696@saintjoe.edu](mailto:glv9696@saintjoe.edu) and wait for an upcoming issue to see your work displayed!



Comic strip by Meghan Hennessey